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WASHINGTON OBSERVER, Oct. 15, 1969, said: "Investigation of the Washington 'call-girl ring' previously mentioned in these Observations is in full swing and may result in a more sensational scandal than the Bobby Baker Case, but powerful political forces are pressuring to kill the investigation."

The current issue of the *Government Employees Exchange*, a tabloid, has a page-one article captioned "File of 'Party-Girls' in Agnew's Office, Care of Walter L. Mote."

The lead paragraph declares: "Walter L. Mote, the Capitol Hill Administrative Assistant to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, and a former staff member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, has, it can now be revealed, the comprehensive list containing the names of many notables and party-girls used to obtain Federal Government contracts."

Several well known businessmen, lobbyists and fixers are named in the article. Also identified with the blackmail ring is Opal Guinn, described then as a reporter for the Drew Pearson-Jack Anderson team—authors of the Washington Merry-Go-Round. She is associated with Parade magazine, a Sunday supplement in many of the Nation's Sunday newspapers.

Smear columnist Jack Anderson's attorney, Warren Woods, is demanding an immediate, unequivocal retraction and personal apology and threatens a libel lawsuit if the retraction is not immediately forthcoming. Furthermore, Jack Anderson is threatening to put the *Government Employees Exchange* newspaper out of business—by what means he does not say. Publisher Sidney Goldberg refuses to retract.

It will be noted that smear columnist Jack Anderson is highly sensitive to the slightest adverse publicity. Anderson is following in the footsteps of predecessor and mentor, the late Drew Pearson, and his speciality is writing outrageously malicious falsehoods about Conservative organizations and patriotic Americans.

The truth is the *Government Employees Exchange* has not even scratched the surface about Anderson's numerous sub-rosa money-making schemes. And lawyers for the newspapers have advised WO that Anderson has no basis for a libel suit and have advised their client not to retract. More exposes are to come.

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